

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p.1, line 14, with the following replacement paragraph:

Traditionally, high level text-based programming languages have been used by programmers in writing application programs. Many different high level text-based programming languages exist, including BASIC, C, C++, ~~Java~~ JAVA, FORTRAN, ~~Pascal~~ PASCAL, COBOL, ADA, APL, etc. Programs written in these high level text-based languages are translated to the machine language level by translators known as compilers or interpreters. The high level text-based programming languages in this level, as well as the assembly language level, are referred to herein as text-based programming environments.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p.2, line 11, with the following replacement paragraph:

To overcome the above shortcomings, various graphical programming environments now exist which allow a user to construct a graphical program or graphical diagram, also referred to as a block diagram. U.S. Patent Nos. 4,901,221; 4,914,568; 5,291,587; 5,301,301; and 5,301,336; among others, to Kodosky et al disclose a graphical programming environment which enables a user to easily and intuitively create a graphical program. Graphical programming environments such as that disclosed in Kodosky et al can be considered a higher and more intuitive way in which to interact with a computer. A graphically based programming environment can be represented at a level above text-based high level programming languages such as C, ~~Basic~~ BASIC, ~~Java~~ JAVA, etc.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p.14, line 11, with the following replacement paragraph:

Software Program – the term “software program” is intended to have the full breadth of its ordinary meaning, and includes any type of program instructions, code,

script and/or data, or combinations thereof, that may be stored in a memory medium and executed by a processor. Exemplary software programs include programs written in text-based programming languages, such as C, C++, ~~Pascal, Fortran, Cobol, Java, PASCAL, FORTRAN, COBOL, JAVA,~~ assembly language, etc.; graphical programs (programs written in graphical programming languages); assembly language programs; programs that have been compiled to machine language; scripts; and other types of executable software. A software program may comprise two or more software programs that interoperate in some manner.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on p.12, line 27, with the following replacement paragraph:

U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/[[____]] 471,058 titled "Task Based Polymorphic Graphical Program Function Nodes, Function Specific Graphical Program Property Nodes, and Palette Of Graphical Program Nodes," filed ~~June 18, 2002~~ May 16, 2003.